

REPORTS

OF THE

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FOR

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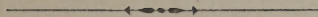
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OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTON, 1878.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

EDWARD COBURN, GEORGE B. MILTON,
MARSHALL L. UPHAM.

ASSESSORS.

ALONZO S. FISKE, ABIJAH COBURN,
GEORGE W. CUTTING, JR.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GEORGE W. DUNN, 3 yrs. Rev. AMOS HARRIS, 2 yrs.
JOHN SMITHWICK, 1 yr.

TRUSTEES OF MERRIAM FUND.

EDWIN HOBBS, ISAAC COBURN,
GEORGE W. CUTTING, JR.

TOWN CLERK.

GEORGE W. CUTTING, JR.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

HORACE HEWS.

AUDITOR.

EDWARD COBURN.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Rev. AMOS HARRIS, OLIVER R. ROBBINS,
JOHN COBURN.

LIBRARY TREASURER.

HORACE HEWS.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON.

BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE.

ISAAC COBURN, 3 yrs.

EDWIN HOBBS, 2 yrs.

HORACE HEWS, 1 yr.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

GEORGE W. DUNN, 3 yrs.

ALONZO S. FISKE, 2 yrs.

BENJAMIN F. CUTTER, 1 yr.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

District No. 1. EDWARD L. CUTTING,

" " 2. EDWARD E. BROWN,

" " 3. GEORGE W. DUNN,

" " 4. DANIEL GARFIELD,

" " 5. CHARLES S. CUTTER,

" " 6. SAMUEL F. CLARK.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

DANIEL GARFIELD,

DANIEL SMITH,

BENJAMIN F. CUTTER.

FENCE VIEWERS.

EDWARD COBURN,

SAMUEL F. CLARK,

NATHAN BARKER.

FIELD DRIVERS.

EDWARD LEADBETTER,

T. COBURN RICHARDSON,

WILLIAM S. SEAVERN,

WILLIAM A. FISKE,

E. PORTER UPHAM.

CONSTABLES.

ALONZO S. FISKE,

SAMUEL H. WARREN,

WILLIAM N. GOWELL.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

OTIS H. PENNIMAN.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

DANIEL SMITH.

POUND KEEPER,

THEODORE JONES.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT,

For 1878.

BIRTHS.

Total number of births registered in town during the year 1878, 28; of which number 17 were males and 11 were females. American parentage, 18; foreign, 7; American and foreign, 3. Number born in January, 2; February, 3; March, 4; April, 3; May, 1; June, 2; August, 1; September, 1; October, 2; November, 3; December, 6. N. B. As the laws of the Commonwealth relating to births and deaths seem to be imperfectly understood, the text of the law is appended:

General Statutes, Chap. 21, Sect. 2:—"Parents shall give notice to the clerk of their city or town of the births or deaths of their children; every householder shall give like notice of every birth or death happening in his house. * * * * Whoever neglects to give such notice for the space of six months after a birth or death, shall forfeit five dollars."

MARRIAGES.

Total number registered, 10; first marriage of party, 19; second, 1. Parties native born, 13; foreign, 7; natives of the town, 4. Marriage certificates issued in town, 15.

DEATHS.

Whole number registered, 13; of which 5 were males and 8 were females. Of this number 2 were under 1 year; 3 were un-

der 5 years ; 1 between 5 and 10 ; 1 between 10 and 60 ; 5 between 60 and 80. Oldest 79 years 11 months ; youngest 2 months.

In the order of the year there was 1 in January, 2 in February, 2 in March, 1 in April, 1 in May, 1 in August, 1 in September, 1 in October, 3 in December.

DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Old age, 1 ; Dropsy of the Brain, 1 ; Cardiac Dropsy, 1 ; Tuberculous Meningitis, 1 ; Cholera Infantum, 1 ; Croup, 2 ; Heart Disease, 1 ; Paralysis St. Vitus, 1 ; Inflammation of the Bowels, 2 ; Chronic Cystitis, 1 ; Ascites Schirrus, 1.

Amount paid into the County Treasury on account of 98 dog licenses, \$194.40.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CUTTING, JR., *Town Clerk.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

MARCH 1, 1879.

TOWN GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Cemeteries,	\$200 00
Schools,	3,300 00
“ Incidentals,	600 00
Support of poor,	500 00
Interest on debt,	1,700 00
Salary of Town Officers,	800 00
Discount and abatement on taxes,	800 00
Town incidentals,	1,000 00
Contingencies,	700 00
Highways,	2,400 00
Culverts and Railings,	400 00
Bridge near Roberts',	150 00
Granted in 1877 on school house, to be assessed in 1878,	5,000 00
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	\$17,550 00
Granted to be assessed in 1879,	1,500 00

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Appropriated,	\$3,300 00
Mass. School Fund,	172 52

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Eli E. Fox, Principal,	\$1,100 00
“ Miss Annie C. Coburn, Assistant,	450 00
“ Miss Nellie M. Jones, Intermediate,	200 00
“ Mrs. G. W. Boardman, Music Teacher,	35 00
“ J. S. B. Knox, “ “	72 00

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid Miss Abbie C. Fiske, two terms,	200 00
“ “ “ “ “ one term, 12 weeks,	92 00

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid Miss Lillie L. Dunn, three terms,	300 00
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DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid Irwin W. Stratton, one term,	100 00
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DISTRICT No. 4.

Paid Miss Georgie C. Tucker, one term,	100 00
" Miss Ida A. Gould, one term,	100 00
" Miss Mary L. Davis, one term,	100 00

DISTRICT No. 5.

Paid Miss Lizzie J. Viles, three terms,	300 00
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DISTRICT No. 6.

Paid Miss Estelle S. Rogers, two terms,	200 00
" " " " " eleven weeks,	84 62
" School Committee, care of rooms,	40 00

 \$3,473 62

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Appropriated,	\$600 00
A. S. Fiske, 5 cords wood, Dist. No. 4,	\$35 00
" " measuring fees,	50
Isaac Lovewell, 5 cords wood, Dist. No. 6,	30 00
Andrew Jones, 4 7-8 cords wood, Dist. No. 4,	29 25
Measuring fees,	50
Marshall L. Upham, 5 cords wood, Dist. No. 6,	30 00
G. W. Dunn, 1 ton coal, High School,	6 25
" " 11 cords wood, Dist. Nos. 1 and 3,	66 00
Alfred Jennison, sawing and splitting 5 cords wood,	5 00
William Roberts, paint, High School house,	3 00
Willard Small, books,	20 37
John Fisher, sawing 20 7-8 cords wood,	19 10
A. C. Kendall, writing 13 certificates,	3 25
School Committee, for care of rooms, spring term,	42 00
Elias King, repairs on school house, Nos. 1 and 2,	7 98
W. T. Coggerhall, Encyclopedia of Education,	5 00
G. W. Dunn, cash paid articles for schools,	10 75
George Phinney, 350 High School programmes,	8 00
Magee Furnace Co., 2 iron sinks,	5 00
Thomas Stanhart, mason work and stock on house No 1,	20 00
Miller & Kenney, repairing 14 desks and seats,	14 00
A. G. Whitcomb, 14 ink wells,	2 25
Gale & Wood, lumber for High School room,	6 00
Cutter & Parker, window blinds,	15 00
G. H. Whitford, clock, Intermediate School,	5 00
A. Gregory, setting glass and repairs at No 4,	6 51
Robinson & King, repairs on school houses,	48 60
G. W. Dunn, cleaning well	3 60
" " paid washing 2 rooms,	5 00
" " labor and articles for schools,	21 58
G. H. Whitford, cleaning 2 clocks,	2 00

School Committee, care of school rooms, fall term,	40 00
G. W. Dunn, 11 tons, 1720 lbs., coal, High School,	77 68
" " 2 1-2 cords wood, sawed and split,	17 50
" " articles for schools,	7 83
Magee Furnace Co., grate and labor putting in,	7 50
J. S. Gould, labor on school houses,	10 93
G. W. Cutting & Son, books &c.,	34 70
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	\$672 63

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriated, . . . \$2,400 00

A. S. FISKE, *Road Commissioner.*

May.	Self, 105 hours,	\$26 25
	Men, 335 hours,	50 25
	Team, 200 hours,	30 00
	K. H. Stone, man and team, 5 days,	15 00
	H. Wheeler, man and team, 9 days,	27 00
	Patrick Sullivan, 10 days,	15 00
	Thomas Connolly, 10 days,	15 00
	Morris Quinn, 10 days,	15 00
	Blasting,	1 65
June.	Self, 60 hours,	15 00
	Men, 234 hours,	35 10
	Team, 156 hours,	23 40
	Henry Wheeler and team, 7 days,	21 00
	Patrick Sullivan, 7 days,	10 50
	Thomas Connolly, 8 days,	12 00
	Morris Quinn, 7 days,	10 50
	Daniel Garfield, sharpening tools,	3 65
Sept.	Self, 80 hours,	20 00
&	Men, 462 hours,	69 30
Oct.	Team, 228 hours,	34 20
	T. Connolly, 128 hours,	19 20
	H. Wheeler and team, 190 hours,	28 50
Feb.	A. S. Fiske and various persons, breaking roads,	33 53
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		\$531 03

GEORGE W. DUNN, *Road Commissioner.*

Mch.	Self 84 hours,	\$21 00
	Men, 287 hours,	43 05
	Team, 214 hours,	32 10
	Boy, 13 hours,	1 04
Apr.	Self, 154 hours,	38 50
	Men, 798 hours,	119 70
	Boy, 283 hours,	22 64
	Team, 552 hours,	82 80
	Luther F. Upham, 62 3-10 days,	93 45
May.	Self, 156 1-2 hours,	39 13
	Men, 753 hours,	112 95
	Boys, 204 hours,	16 32
	Team, 398 1-2 hours,	59 77
	L. F. Upham,	29 75

June.	Self, 64 hours,	. . . . .	16 00
	Men, 322 hours,	. . . . .	48 30
	Boys, 10 hours,	. . . . .	80
	Team, 210 hours,	. . . . .	31 50
July	Self, 84 hours,	. . . . .	21 00
&	Men, 289 hours,	. . . . .	43 35
Aug.	Boys, 28 hours,	. . . . .	2 24
	Team, 152 hours,	. . . . .	22 80
Oct.	Self, 156 hours,	. . . . .	39 00
	Men, 513 1-2 hours,	. . . . .	77 02
	Boys, 140 hours,	. . . . .	11 20
	Team, 392 1-2 hours,	. . . . .	58 88
Nov.	Self, 25 1-2 hours,	. . . . .	6 37
	Men, 91 hours,	. . . . .	13 65
	Boys, 12 hours,	. . . . .	96
	Team, 48 hours,	. . . . .	7 20
Dec.	Self, 19 1-2 hours,	. . . . .	4 87
	Men, 87 1-2 hours,	13 12
	Team, 54 hours,	8 10
Feb.	G. W. Dunn and sundry persons, breaking roads,	28 49
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BENJAMIN F. CUTTER, *Road Commissioner.*

Mch.	Self, 5 days,	\$12 50
	Men, 20 days,	30 00
	Team, 15 days,	22 50
Apr.	Self, 14 days,	. . . . .	35 00
	Doyle, 15 days,	. . . . .	22 50
	Fitzgerald, 16 days,	. . . . .	24 00
	Donnell, 15 days,	. . . . .	22 50
	Roach, 16 days,	. . . . .	24 00
	McGrath, 9 83-100 days,	. . . . .	14 75
	Team, 47 days,	. . . . .	70 50
	Charles M. Hagar and team,	. . . . .	13 75
	William S. Seaverns and team,	. . . . .	16 50
	Irving Brothers,	. . . . .	3 00
May.	Self, 6 days,	. . . . .	15 00
	Men, 17 1-2 days,	. . . . .	26 25
	Team, 10 1-2 days,	. . . . .	15 75
June.	Self, 6 days,	. . . . .	15 00
	Men, 32 1-4 days,	. . . . .	48 37
	Team, 20 days,	. . . . .	30 00
	D. W. Jacobs,	. . . . .	20 48
	A. M. Loker,	. . . . .	19 00
July.	Self, 3 days,	. . . . .	7 50
	Men, 13 days,	. . . . .	19 50
	Team, 5 days,	. . . . .	7 50
Aug.	Self, 8 1-2 days,	. . . . .	21 25
	Men, 42 1-2 days,	63 75
	Team, 17 days,	25 50
	George Jones and team,	15 75
	D. W. Jacobs	7 05
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\$2,367 23

CULVERTS AND RAILINGS.

Appropriated,	\$400 00	
A. S. Fiske, railing road near Viles' bridge, . .		\$41 72
B. F. Cutter, culvert near George B. Cutter, . .		23 25
" " " " Mason Loker,		13 75
" " " " B. Morse,		13 00
" " paid J. G. & N. G. Gooch, for lumber, . .		6 75
G. W. Dunn, culvert near Pontas,		12 58
" " " " Bond's Corner,		3 40
" " " " Beals,		1 80
" " " " Keefe,		50 05
" " " " Thompson,		24 48
" " bridge and railings near Pontas, . .		32 45
" " culvert near David Perry,		15 60
" " railing bridge on Bemis' road,		7 17
Davis & Farnum, drain-pipe,		19 83
J. G. & N. G. Gooch, lumber for Starr's bridge, .		51 98
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		\$317 81

ROBERTS' BRIDGE.

Appropriated,	\$150 00	
Paid Town of Waltham one-half cost of repairs, .		\$57 26
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		\$57 26

BILLS DUE PRIOR TO 1878.

James R. Osgood, printing 500 copy-plans of High School house,	\$11 00	
John Smithwick, services, School Committee, . .	50 00	
Charles M. Hagar, breaking roads,	3 75	
Joel Upham, sharpening tools, highway,	11 55	
G. W. Dunn, expense of expressing and teaming school house furnaces from Boston,	16 59	
G. W. Dunn, paid for washing floors and windows, .	5 55	
" " laying wall, making drain, and grading at school house,	99 19	
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		\$197 63

CEMETERIES.

Appropriated,	\$200 00	
Balance unexpended in 1877,	173 10	
B. McCuster, drawing stones and laying wall, . .	\$38 00	
William Sherburn, ploughing,	3 00	
D. F. Sullivan, labor,	3 40	
Freeman Jennison & Son, labor,	52 20	
Marshall Hews, team,	14 08	
William N. Gowell, stone drag,	5 00	
Frank Gunn, labor,	11 08	
Cornelius Sullivan, labor,	45 90	
Fitz A Robinson, new gate,	10 53	
Richardson & Bond, fertilizer,	10 25	

Charles F. Jones, 12 1-2 feet manure, . . .	15 82	
William Jones, plants, . . .	3 00	
John Deavall, mowing South Burial Ground, . .	3 50	
G. H. Jones and team, . . .	10 50	
Edward Pierce, relaying wall Old Burial Ground,	2 00	
Fisher & Miller, blasting, . . .	6 35	
Henry W. Day, labor, . . .	8 90	
Horatio Hews, horse and cart, . . .	6 08	
G. W. Cutting & Son, grass-seed and tools, . .	6 25	
Joel Upham, repairing tools, . . .	1 32	
John Warren, platform to well, . . .	75	
Peter —, 3 days' labor, . . .	4 00	
J. H. Curtis, landscape engineer, . . .	5 00	
Horace Hews, 449 1-2 hours' labor and superin-		
tending, . . .	112 37	
Edwin Hobbs, services as trustee, and recording		
deeds, . . .	10 00	
		\$388 88

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Appropriated, . . .	\$1,000 00	
George Phinney, printing list of voters, . . .	\$10 00	
J. M. Hews, printing Town Reports, . . .	72 50	
“ “ “ School Reports, . . .	24 55	
A. S. Fiske, grading High School house yard, .	271 34	
A. G. Whitcomb, 3 chairs for Selectmen's room, .	3 38	
Aaron R. Gay, Tax book . . .	8 50	
Henry J. Jennison, Treasurer of Weston Cornet		
Band, services Decoration day, . . .	40 00	
Charles F. Jones, flags and flowers, . . .	10 00	
George Phinney, 2,000 Library labels, . . .	3 50	
John L. Hobbs, care of Town clock, . . .	12 50	
Town of Lincoln, tax, . . .	10 99	
Theodore Jones, winding Town clock, . . .	12 50	
Caleb Kingman, pump for Town well, . . .	28 50	
Edward Coburn, 8 3-4 feet wood, . . .	7 11	
“ “ repairs on pump, . . .	2 20	
George Phinney, Town Order book, . . .	3 25	
A. M. Loker, 115 loads gravel, . . .	5 75	
S. F. Clark, 80 loads gravel, . . .	4 00	
Charles A. Warren, 60 loads gravel, . . .	3 00	
W. S. Seaverns, 180 loads gravel, . . .	9 00	
A. S. Fiske, gravel, . . .	10 00	
Johnson & Luce, legal services in the case of		
Warren Stevens, . . .	35 00	
Samuel Patch, platform to well, and repairs on		
Town House cellar doors, . . .	3 94	
Horace Hews, expressing and distributing Town		
and School Reports, . . .	10 25	
Horace Hews, postage stamps, . . .	3 12	
E. Coburn, postage stamps and stationery, . .	3 17	
Theodore Jones, ringing bell for Town meetings,		
and setting glass at Town House, . . .	8 50	

Theodore Jones, winding and care of Town clock, from Oct. 1 to March 1,	8 33	
Henry S. Milton, legal services,	25 46	
Daniel Smith, painting bulletin-board for Library,	1 00	
Simeon W. Brown, wood for Town Hall,	7 03	
G. W. Dunn, gravel for highways,	15 00	
A. S. Fiske, Collector's book and stationery,	7 27	
“ “ Posting Town warrants, and services on Dog warrants,	17 05	
“ “ Blasting and drawing stones from gravel bank,	15 81	
John Coburn, care of Town Hall,	78 62	
George H. Jones, return of deaths,	2 25	
G. W. Cutting & Son, articles for Library,	4 97	
“ “ “ “ Town Hall,	10 33	
	<hr/>	\$809 67

CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriated,	\$700 00	
John Fisher, labor in well,	\$125 00	
John Miller, “ “	302 00	
E. Coburn, for well,	7 50	
Curtis Robinson, labor in well,	5 00	
Warren Stevens, damage on highway,	175 00	
William Sanderson, “ “	25 00	
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SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriated,	\$800 00	
Edward Coburn, Selectman,	\$40 00	
George B. Milton, “	25 00	
Marshall L. Upham, “	25 00	
Alonzo S. Fiske, Assessor,	87 00	
Abijah Coburn, “	38 00	
George W. Cutting, Jr., Assessor,	38 00	
Edward Coburn, Auditor,	20 00	
Rev. Amos Harris, School Committee,	50 00	
George W. Dunn, “ “	50 00	
Dr. John Smithwick, “ “	25 00	
Alonzo S. Fiske, Road Commissioner,	6 00	
George W. Dunn, “ “	6 00	
John Coburn, Librarian, 11 months,	114 58	
George W. Cutting, Town Clerk,	59 13	
Horace Hews, Collector and Treasurer,	190 00	
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INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Appropriated,	\$1,700 00	
Paid Waltham Bank and sundry notes,	\$1,734 73	
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DISCOUNT AND ABATEMENTS.

Appropriated,	\$800 00	
Discount for prompt payment,	\$594 77	
Abatements,	200 95	
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriated,	\$500 00	
Paid Overseers of Poor,	\$797 14	
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[For items, see Overseer's Report.]

STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. Harriet F. Stimpson,	\$48 00	
" Mrs. Sarah M. Pratt,	48 00	
" Lemuel A. Smith,	48 00	
" Henry A. Tucker,	28 00	
" Moses Spofford,	18 00	
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SLATING HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Appropriated,	\$500 00	
Paid J. W. Griffiths,	\$500 00	
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FURNACES AND FURNISHING HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Appropriated,	\$1,000 00	
Paid Magee Furnace Co.,	\$650 00	
" A. G. Whitcomb,	348 20	
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LIBRARY.

Appropriated Dog Tax,	\$212 04	
Paid Library Treasurer,	\$212 04	
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RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Schools,	\$3,473 62
School incidentals,	672 63
Highways,	2,367 23
Culverts and railings,	317 81
Cemeteries,	388 88
Town incidentals,	809 67
Contingencies,	639 50
Town Officers,	773 71

Interest on Debt,	1,734	73
Discount,	594	77
Abatement,	290	95
Support of Poor,	797	14
State Aid,	190	00
Furnishing school house,	998	20
Slating,	500	00
Library,	212	04
Roberts' bridge,	57	26
Bills prior,	197	63
Notes paid,	5,500	00
State Tax,	920	00
County Tax,	664	57
	<hr/>	\$22,010 34

RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN.

Corporation Tax,	\$2,258	90
Bank	1,361	90
Trustees of Cemetery, lots sold,	139	70
“ “ “ hay, wood and gravel,	29	60
“ “ “ care of lot,	2	50
School Fund,	172	52
Dog Tax,	190	51
Rent of Town Hall,	52	25
Weighing Fees,	28	80
Peddler's License,	6	00
Auctioneer's “	2	00
Tuition from out town pupils,	60	00
Interest on Taxes,	141	32
State Aid,	122	67
One Poll Tax,	2	00
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HORACE HEWS, COLLECTOR AND TREASURER, DR.

To Cash due the Town, March 1, 1878,	\$2,535	65
“ “ Assessor's Warrant for “	14,614	50
“ “ Receipts,	4,570	67
Cash from Loan granted to be paid in 1879,	1,500	00
“ “ Temporary Loan,	1,000	00
	<hr/>	\$24,220 82
Selectmen's Orders and Notes paid,		22,010 34
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		\$2,210 48
Balance in Collector and Treasurer's hands,		\$2,210 48

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Almira Peirce, Note due 1880,	\$1,500	00
Mary F. Peirce, “ “	1,000	00
Edward Peirce, “ “	1,000	00
Abigail Jones, on demand,	800	00

Estate of Ebenezer Tucker, on demand, . . .	500 00	
First Parish, Weston, " " . . .	400 00	
Trustees Town Library Fund, on demand, . . .	1,400 00	
Marshall Hews, Note, . . .	2,250 00	
Estate of A. H. Fiske, Note, . . .	3,500 00	
Charles H. Fiske, Executor, Notes, . . .	5,500 00	
William Sherburne, " . . .	500 00	
Trustees Silent Poor Fund, . . .	3,208 00	
	<hr/>	\$21,558 00
Temporary Loan, . . .	\$2,500 00	
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		\$24,058 00
Due from Collector and Treasurer, . . .	\$2,210 48	
" State Aid, . . .	190 00	
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Total indebtedness, . . .		\$21,657 52
Decrease of debt, . . .		\$2,636 83

ASSESSORS' VALUATION, MAY 1, 1878.

Total value of Real Estate, . . .	\$909,830 00
Total value of Personal Estate, . . .	626,670 00
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Total, . . .	\$1,536,500 00
Number of polls, . . .	393
" " dwelling houses, . . .	246
" " horses, . . .	378
" " cows, . . .	771
Rate per cent., \$9.00 per \$1,000.	

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD COBURN, *Auditor.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Balance on hand March 1st, 1878,	.	.	.	.	\$498 76
Received from Rent of Town Hall,	.	.	.	.	52 25
" Weighing Fees,	.	.	.	.	28 80
" Sale of Burial Lots,	.	.	.	.	139 70
" " Hay,	.	.	.	.	17 00
" " Wood,	.	.	.	.	9 60
" " Gravel,	.	.	.	.	3 00
Care of burial lot,	.	.	.	.	2 50
Auctioneer's and Pedler's Licenses,	.	.	.	.	8 00
Tuition, High School,	.	.	.	.	60 00
County of Middlesex, Dog Taxes refunded,	.	.	.	.	190 51
State of Massachusetts, School Fund,	.	.	.	.	172 52
" " Corporation Tax,	.	.	.	.	2,258 90
" " National Bank Tax,	.	.	.	.	1,361 90
" " State Aid refunded,	.	.	.	.	122 67
Waltham National Bank, Temporary Loans,	.	.	.	.	9,500 00
Joseph Peirce, " Loan,	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Horace Hews, Collector, Taxes of 1876,	.	.	.	.	71 94
" " " " 1877,	1,801 75
" " " " 1878,	12,720 00
" " Betterment Tax,	2 00
" " Interest on Taxes,	141 32
					\$30,163 12

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By Paid State of Massachusetts, State Tax,	.	.	\$920 00
“ County of Middlesex, County Tax,	.	.	664 57
“ Sundry persons, Selectmen’s Orders,	.		14,925 77
“ Waltham National Bank, Temporary Loans,			11,500 00
“ Joseph Peirce, “ Loan,			2,000 00
Balance in Treasury,	.	.	152 78
			<u>\$30,163 12</u>

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.**Weston, March 1, 1879.*

TAXES UNCOLLECTED.

Taxes of 1876,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$9 06
“ “ 1877,	.	.	.	.	.	.	154 14
“ “ 1878,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,894 50
							<u>\$2,057 70</u>

HORACE HEWS, *Collector.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE Selectmen make the following report of their estimate of Expenditures for the ensuing year:—

For Schools,	\$3,300 00
“ School incidentals,	600 00
“ Support of poor,	800 00
“ Cemeteries,	200 00
“ Interest on debt,	1,700 00
“ Salary of Town Officers,	800 00
“ Discount and abatements,	800 00
“ Town incidentals,	1,000 00
“ Contingencies,	700 00
“ Highways,	2,400 00
“ Culverts and railings,	300 00
“ Bills due prior to 1879,	400 00
“ Town debt,	3,000 00
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Total,	\$16,000 00
“ Loan granted March, 1878,	\$1,500 00

The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting to be placed in the jury box, subject to the revision of the Town:—

Edward E. Brown,	David Perry,
Henry L. Brown,	Samuel Patch,
John Coburn,	Theodore Jones,
Charles S. Cutter,	Charles E. Smith,
George W. Dunn,	Ralph Seaverns,
Hiram Garfield,	Herman A. Train,
Francis Hastings, 2d,	Fitz A. Robinson,
Edwin Hastings,	Marshall L. Upham,
Abijah Gregory,	Henry J. White.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AS OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

THE Overseers of the Poor submit to the Town the following report of the Receipts and Expenditures of pauper establishment for the year ending March 1, 1879:—

Receipts.

Cash received from sale of milk,	.	.	.	.	\$813 31
"	"	"	calves,	.	9 00
"	"	"	cows,	.	190 69
"	"	"	pigs,	.	6 00
"	"	"	pickles,	.	217 05
"	"	"	potatoes and sweet corn,	.	107 35
"	"	"	wood,	.	78 50
"	"	"	labor off farm,	.	25 00
"	"	"	board of Mrs. Caroline		
			Leadbetter,	.	40 00
"	"	"	board, nursing and clothing		
			of Mrs. Harriet Dudley,		35 00
"	"	"	medical attendance for		
			Mrs. Harriet Dudley,		10 50
"	"	"	Treasury,	.	251 49
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					\$1,783 89

Expenditures.

Cash paid Otis H. Penniman, superintending,	\$350 00
“ labor,	112 00
“ meat and fish,	61 47
“ groceries,	215 05
“ crackers,	28 82
“ grain and flour,	291 79
“ brewers’ grains and sprouts,	146 70
“ 6 cows,	225 00
“ shoeing horses,	21 35
“ clothing,	40 86
“ boots and shoes,	14 85
“ grass seed,	4 65
“ stove and repairs,	22 13
“ manure,	12 75
“ pasturing cows,	19 50
“ horse-rake and farming tools,	42 89
“ medical attendance,	10 50
“ repairs,	15 71
“ new harness and repairs,	38 89
“ blacksmith and wheelwright,	28 75
“ sawing logs,	3 66
“ coal,	29 01
“ Mass. Ploughman,	2 50
“ Overseers,	45 00
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	\$1,783 89

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Cash paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing of Mrs. Mary Bacon,	\$184 50
“ Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for board of Joseph H. Seaverns,	178 85
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$363 35

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$363 35
Cash paid expense removing J. H. Seaverns from Danvers Lunatic Hospital, . . .		3 30
“ Mrs. Robert Fiske, for board of three chil- dren of Mrs. Mary Percell, . . .		153 00
“ Town of Acton, medical attendance and funeral expenses of Robert Fiske, . . .		26 00
Outside relief, . . .		<hr/> \$545 65
Cost at almshouse, . . .		251 49
Total, . . .		<hr/> \$797 14

There is due the establishment about \$150 for milk.

The almshouse has been under the charge of our former experienced Superintendents, Mr. and Mrs. Penniman. We feel that in their trying situations they have ever been kind to the poor, and faithful to the best interests of the Town. Eight hundred and ninety tramps have been fed and lodged at the almshouse during the past year. Their numbers have been increased this winter, owing to workmen being engaged upon the Massachusetts Central Railroad.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD COBURN,	} <i>Overseers</i>
GEORGE B. MILTON,	
MARSHALL L. UPHAM,	
	<i>of the</i>
	<i>Poor.</i>

REPORT

OF

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

THE Trustees of Cemeteries herewith submit their Annual Report. The past year has been one of marked changes among us; an unusual number of our elderly citizens have exchanged this life for that beyond. Prominent among this number has been our valued associate on this Board, Mr. Isaac Coburn, who died February 7th, 1879. Mr. Coburn has been one of the leading men among us, and has been identified with all that has concerned the highest interests of the Town. He has been called to fill many of its most important offices, the duties of which he has always discharged with entire faithfulness to the Town and with honor to himself. He was chosen one of the Trustees of Cemeteries April 4th, 1864, and held the office to the time of his death. He always manifested a deep interest in our Cemeteries, and much of their present neatness and order is largely owing to his sound judgment and practical good sense. He was quick to see and prompt to execute every plan and purpose which seemed to promise good to his fellow townsmen. But his labors are ended, and all that was mortal now quietly rests in a place which his own hands helped to prepare and beautify.

The work of improvement has been continued in all of the Cemeteries during the year. The amount expended on each one will appear in the items appended below.

The avenue leading to Linwood Cemetery has been graded and crowned, and thereby much improved. There has been additional cost in keeping the same in repair, owing to the heavy rains which fell during the summer. At the entrance of the Cemetery a large amount of gravel was washed out of the avenue, which has been repaired.

Within the Cemetery rocks have been blasted and removed to the southerly side of the main entrance on the avenue, where a substantial wall has been commenced to complete the entire enclosure of the lot. A portion of land on the top of the hill has been graded, the stumps and rocks having been removed, and is now ready to be divided into lots as they may be selected. Another portion, on the south side of the Cemetery, has been ploughed and harrowed, the rocks and stumps removed, and is now in course of preparation for improvements during the coming year.

We think it will be best for the Town to continue these improvements, year by year, making a small appropriation, as it may be needed, and which added to the income from the sale of lots and wood, will enable the Trustees to complete their plans as originally contemplated. Believing that such a course would give better satisfaction to the citizens of the Town; we, therefore, recommend that the sum of \$200, in addition to the unexpended balance now on hand, be granted for the improvement of the Cemeteries in Town.

EDWIN HOBBS, } Trustees
HORACE HEWS, } of
Cemeteries.

Weston, March 1, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for burial lots,	.	.	.	.	\$139 70
" " " wood,	.	.	.	.	9 60
" " " hay,	17 00
" " " care of lot,	2 50
Balance from former account,	173 10
Appropriation,	200 00
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					\$541 90

EXPENDITURES.

LINWOOD CEMETERY.

George W. Cutting & Son, grass seed and sundry articles,	\$6 25
Richardson & Bond, fertilizer,	.	.	.	.	10 25
Charles F. Jones, manure,	.	.	.	.	15 82
Joel Upham, repairing tools and sharpening drills,	.	.	.	.	1 32

William N. Gowell, stone drag,	5 00	
John Warren, repairing platforms to pumps,	75	
F. Jennison, labor,	40 41	
Cornelius Sullivan, labor,	30 60	
Henry W. Day, "	6 40	
George H. Jones, ploughing and harrowing,	9 00	
William Sherburne, " " "	3 00	
Marshall Hews, horse and cart,	12 28	
H. Hews, " " "	4 73	
B. McCusker, men and team,	4 50	
H. Hews, labor and superintending,	71 00	
Joseph H. Curtis, services,	5 00	
Edwin Hobbs, services Trustee and recording deeds,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$236 31

LINWOOD AVENUE.

Cornelius Sullivan, labor,	\$15 30	
Frank Gunn, "	9 88	
F. Jennison, "	3 04	
H. Hews, "	25 62	
Horse and cart,	3 15	
	<hr/>	\$56 99

WALL.

B. McCusker, drawing stones and laying wall,	\$33 50	
George H. Jones, " "	1 50	
Fisher & Miller, blasting rocks,	6 35	
D. F. Sullivan, labor,	3 00	
H. Hews, "	7 50	
" " paid for labor,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$55 85

CENTRE BURIAL GROUND.

F. Jennison, labor,	\$8 75	
H. Hews, "	8 25	
H. W. Day, "	1 50	
A. Jones, "	1 20	
William Jones, plants,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$22 70

SOUTH BURIAL GROUND.

F. A. Robinson, gate,	\$10 53	
John Deavall, labor,	3 50	
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OLD BURIAL GROUND.

Edward Peirce, relaying wall,	\$2 00	
H. W. Day, labor,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$3 00
Amount of expenses,		\$388 88
Balance unexpended,		* 153 02

TOWN WARRANT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX, }
SS. }

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF WESTON :

Greeting : .

IN the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the seventeenth day of March next, at one of the clock, P. M., to act on the following articles, viz. :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several boards of Town Officers.

ART. 4. To grant and appropriate such sums of money as may be thought necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year ; and also to pay any part of the Town debt.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes, and to act anything relative to the collecting of taxes.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to enlarging the Library room, and also to finish and furnish a room or rooms for Town Officers.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies according to the vote of the Town, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting. HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

EDWARD COBURN, .	} <i>Selectmen</i>
GEORGE B. MILTON,	
MARSHALL L. UPHAM,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Weston.</i>

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE transactions of the year are reported by the Librarian as follows. Number of books in Library 4761. Number purchased 213 (six of which were renewals). Number presented 27. Whole number added 234. Number bound 46—repaired 171. Whole number taken out during the year 7434. Number of books taken out in two weeks, 351, of which 77 were Juveniles, 130 Fiction, 144 were what would be called solid reading. Donations of books and pamphlets have been received from the following parties: Hon. C. L. Flint, Hon. W. Claflin, Mrs. C. J. Paine, Mrs. D. S. Lamson, Miss Lizzie S. Coburn, Cobden Club, London, United States Bureau of Education, Mass. State Board of Health, Harvard College Library, Boston Public Library, and the American Unitarian Association. For financial exhibit, see Treasurer's Report.

The general condition of the Library is good, and the interest in it has not decreased. It will be seen that books have been taken out, in about the usual proportions, from the different departments, with a slight gain in favor of solid reading.

Our Library contains, as do most well-ordered libraries, a number of duplicates, *i.e.*, different works treating upon the same subject. It often happens that a book stands high in public favor for a time, which in a few years may be thrown aside and forgotten; either because it has been superseded by some later work which is considered better, or because its popularity was owing to

some caprice of the moment, and it has had its run ; or again, opinions may change as to what is the best reading.

Our Catalogue contains the titles of quite a number of books, which are not now in circulation. When books are worn past rebinding, they are not often replaced unless they are thought to be as good or better than later works of the same class. Some Juveniles, which are often called for, have been allowed to drop out in this way ; they belong to a class of books which were readily taken, if not eagerly sought, by most libraries a few years ago, but are now often rejected on account of their unreal character and over-exciting tendencies. Among this class are some of Oliver Optic's works. More or less books are added every year that probably will be considered of little or no value, *a few years hence*. This is quite unavoidable, if an effort is made to meet, to any considerable extent, the public demand for fresh reading. Any endeavor, therefore, to perfect the Library, must require a constant eliminating process ; and it is highly probable that even then, with the exercise of the utmost care on the part of your Committee, it will always contain some books which would not be universally approved.

We have endeavored to spend the money placed at our disposal to good advantage ; the appended Catalogue will enable people to judge for themselves how well we have succeeded.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER R. ROBBINS,	}	<i>Library Committee.</i>
AMOS HARRIS,		
JOHN COBURN,		

LIBRARY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1878,	\$32 96
Interest from Library Fund,	84 00
From Town Treasury,	212 04
From Fines,	1 55
	<hr/> \$330 55

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Paid Lockwood, Brooks & Co., for books,	\$258 34
“ Amos Harris,	2 75
“ F. B. Hornbrooke,	2 25
“ Library Committee, for purchasing books,	6 00
“ C. C. McLauthlin, for binding and repairing books,	32 74
“ Expressage,	2 70
Balance in Treasury,	25 77
	<hr/> \$330 55

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

Weston, March 1, 1879.

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